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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FASCELL (for himself,) submitted the following con-
current resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the government and people of Venezuela on
their demonstrated commitment to a broad-based and
enduring democracy, and commending the agreement be-
tween the Accion Democratica and COPEI parties to
form a cabinet of national unity.

more general
there are other
parties

Whereas Venezuela has been a leader in the development of
democracy throughout the hemisphere, and for nearly 34
years has enjoyed the tradition of rule by popular con-
sent;

Whereas the people of Venezuela overthrew a repressive au-
thoritarian regime and restored democratic rule with elec-
tions in December 1958;

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Whereas the democratic institutions of Venezuela have been reinforced by 8 successive transfers of power through free and open national elections since 1958;

Whereas in December 1988, Carlos Andres Perez became the first President of Venezuela to be elected to a second term;

Whereas an attempt to overthrow the legitimate and constitutional government of Venezuela was repelled on February 4, 1992;

Whereas the Venezuelan people have rejected facile and demagogic calls to solve serious economic and social problems through the installation of an authoritarian regime;

Whereas on March 5, 1992, the President of Venezuela announced the formation of a cabinet of national unity with the ruling Accion Democratica party and COPEI, the principal opposition political party;

Whereas the President of Venezuela also announced on March 5, 1992, that he will seek a referendum on the convocation of a national constituent assembly to strengthen the country's constitution and promote changes in the administration of justice;

Remove [Whereas Venezuela has diligently supported the United States in its efforts to resolve conflicts that pose a serious challenge to the consolidation of democracy throughout the region, most recently in the case of Haiti; and

Whereas the resolve of the Venezuelan people to preserve their democratic institutions serves as an example to nations throughout the hemisphere that have recently elected democratic governments; Now, therefore, be it

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1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) congratulates the people of Venezuela on
4 their demonstrated commitment to broad-based and
5 enduring democracy;

6 (2) congratulates the Accion Democratica and
7 COPEI parties on their agreement to form a cabinet
8 of national unity;

9 (3) congratulates President Carlos Andres
10 Perez on his swift and decisive actions to address
11 the need for constitutional and judicial reform; and

12 (4) pledges to Venezuela and its people the sup-
13 port of the United States at this time of great chal-
14 lenge to democratic institutions and the rule of law.

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